# NIH Library News

Carl UnCover Q&A's

In June 1995 the Library purchased a site license to the UnCover company's **Reveal** service. Anyone whose electronic mail address ends with **nih.gov** may use the service without charge. NIH staff without an nih.gov in their address may be eligible for a helix account. Call 4-DCRT for information. The UnCover database, created by a consortium of research libraries, indexes over 20,000 periodicals in a wide range of subject areas including the sciences. It includes references and tables of contents for each of the periodicals indexed. The table of contents for many titles appear within days of the cover date. For example, on average, *Lancet* is available in Carl UnCover within 5 days of the cover date. The *New England Journal of Medicine* often appears within a day. **Instructions** for using UnCover Reveal are given on the back of this issue.

A number of **questions** have come in to the Library about CARL UnCover Reveal. A sample of these with the **answers** are given here.

Q **When I set up a profile, what do I enter for payment information? How does this work?**

A *The NIH site license does not include document delivery from UnCover, so those payment options are skipped (press return). Documents can be ordered through the NIH Library. Call 496-1156 for a list of the ways this can be done electronically.*

Q **I have tried several times to use my profile, but I get a message about payment every time I make a selection?**
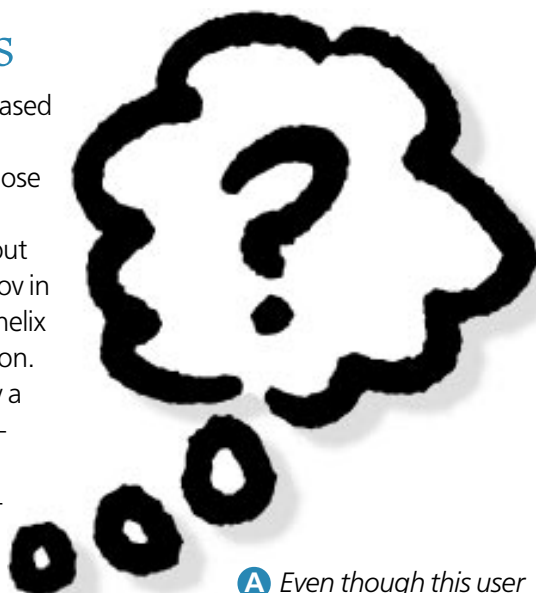
A *Even though this user had waited 24 hours for her address to be validated, it was not recognized as a valid NIH address because it was too long. A shorter E-mail alias did work.*

Q **How do I store a subject search?**

A *After entering a profile number and password, type "Alert", then "add"... (see instructions under Profile)*

Q **I have E-mail, but no network software. Can I access Reveal via modem?**

A *Yes. You will have to pay for a long distance call. The phone number is 303-756-3600.*

Q **I have already established payment for an individual account; how do I know I will not be charged?**

A *Call customer support 1-800-787-7979 or 1-303-758-3030 (x229)*

Q **I am using Netscape. When I click on Carl UnCover, I get a blank screen with "terminal - database .carl.org". What is wrong?**

A *See your network administrator to activate telnet in your browser.*

New NIH Web Sites

OD Division of Workforce Development
http://www-urc.od.nih/dwd/ dwdhome.html
This site, among other information, lists information on courses offered.

NCI Radiation Epidemiology Branch
http://www.nci.nih.gov/intra/ dce/index.html
This site includes links to the full-text of articles cited in the Branch's Scientific Bibliography. The articles are in an image format known as pdf, and require the Acrobat Reader for viewing and printing.

The Adobe Reader can be downloaded from this and other sites including the NIH Library's Home page (under News and Calendar). Browsers can be configured to load the software automatically when reading a pdf file. Once in the document, Adobe software has key word search capability. Documents in pdf format also can include a table of contents sidebar from which one can move to different sections of a paper more directly. One can save, cut or copy and paste all or portions of the paper as needed. Disk space required for storage of saved pdf files is small relative to other image files.

Copies of the News (in pdf format) on the NIH Library's Home page
http://libwww.ncrr.nih.gov

UnCover Reveal Instructions

HOW TO SET UP A PROFILE

1 Telnet to **database.carl.org** or go to World Wide Web address **http://libwww.ncrr.nih.gov/**, and click on "Electronic Resources," then click on **CARL UnCover**.

2 Select the number for **your terminal type** (#5, vt100, is a good bet if unsure).

3 Select **UnCover** from the menu (#1).

4 Press **Return** when prompted for an access password

5 Press **Return** again to continue as an open access user

6 Press **Return** to set up new profile

7 To set up a profile type **NEW** (setting up a profile is necessary to select titles for table of contents delivery; ignore method of payment information unless you plan to order documents from the service.)

8 Type **//exit** to leave UnCover.

Save your profile number and password. **Wait at least 24 hours.**

HOW TO ORDER TABLES OF CONTENTS

After signing on,

1 Select **B** for browse titles to begin your selection of titles. We entered Journal of the American Medical Association, for example, and did not find it. Then we tried JAMA and found it. New England Journal of Medicine we found by entering it just that way.

2 Select the title from the list provided by typing its number, and type **reveal.**

3 Type **//exit** to sign off.

HOW TO ORDER REFERENCE UPDATES

After signing on,

1 Type **Alert**, then

2 Type **A <Return>**

UnCover offers several choices at this point. One is to select from searches previously done while in UnCover. The second is to create a strategy. If you are new to the UnCover, choose this one

3 Type **C <Return>**

The system will prompt the user for the type of search to be saved:
W for Words from article titles or summaries
N for Names of article authors

and then prompt the user for search terms.

Boolean operators (and, or) and truncation (*) can be used in composing a search strategy e.g.

epilepsy and (child or (young adult*))*

The user may store up to 25 topical search strategies in their profile. New references are forwarded each week.

4 Type **//exit** to leave UnCover.

Hint: Profile numbers, necessary should the user wish to modify their selection of titles and subject updates, are easily misplaced. Fortunately, they appear on forwarded table of contents and references. Should you misplace your profile number, check previously sent tables of contents or references.

Call 1-800-787-7979 for more detailed UnCover Reveal information. Lost or forgotten profile numbers and passwords can be obtained by calling this number as well.